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1. JP 2002-532841 A, published October 2, 2002 with corresponding WO 00/36618 A1
2. WO 00/36618 A1, published June 22, 2000 with corresponding JP 2002-532841 A
3. JP 10-256576 A, published September 25, 1998 with Abstract
4. JP 2001-077387 A, published March 23, 2001 with Abstract
5. JP 2002-252039 A, published September 6, 2002 with Abstract
6. JP 11-067174 A, published March 9, 1999 with Abstract
7. JP 2001-339087 A, published December 7, 2001 with Abstract
8. JP 52-122487 A, published October 14, 1977 with Abstract
9. JP 52-129295 A, published October 29, 1977 with Abstract
10. JP 2002-319689 A, published October 31, 2002 with Abstract

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